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#### **CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants:

WALKER et al.

Application No.:

10/790,934

Filed:

March 2, 2004

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR

ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME

Attorney Docket No. 03-26

Group Art Unit:

Not Yet Assigned

Examiner:

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#### RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

(Mailed July 6, 2004)

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Dear Examiner:

Applicants respectfully request consideration Applicant's prior Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to Request Acceptance of National Application Without Participation of One or More Inventors.

#### Relevant Facts

Applicants filed the present Application on March 2, 2004. No Oath or Declaration was filed on March 2, 2004. On June 3, 2004, Applicants received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Applicants responded to this Notice to File Missing Parts and concurrently filed a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to Request Acceptance of National Application Without Participation of One or More Inventors on June 10, 2004. Complete copies of Applicant's Response to File Missing Parts, Petition, Combined Declaration and Power of

Attorney, Notarized Affidavit of Michael D. Brinton, and "Exhibit A" are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Examiner's early examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney using the information provided below.

#### **FEES**

While no fees are believed to be due, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be required for this Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Request timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean P. Alderucci at telephone number (203) 461-7337 or via electronic mail at Alderucci@walkerdigital.com.

<u>July 13, 2004</u> Date

Dean P. Alderucci

Attorney for Applicants

Respectfully submitted,

Registration No. 40,484

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(03-026)

Sir:

Please acknowledge receipt of the following papers by stamping the date received on this card and returning the same to the addressee.

• Transmittal Letter (1 pg.) (x2);

- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed June 3, 2004 (2 pp.);
- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (3 pp.) (x2);
- Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) (4 pp.) (x2);
- Notarized Affidavit of Michael D. Brinton (1 pg.);
- "EXHIBIT A" (3 pp.); and
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (6 pp.).

Date mailed: June 10, 2004.



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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted



#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
   A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

Additional claim fees of \$43 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are
required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$108 for a Small Entity

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$43
  - \$43 for 10 independent claims over 3.

File No: 03-026

Attorney: 08-03-04

Due Date: 06-01-04

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	A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.					
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### Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application Docket No. Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Small Entity) 03-026 In Re Application Of: WALKER et al. **Group Art Unit** Filing Date Examiner Serial No. Not Yet Assigned Not Yet Assigned March 2, 2004 10/790,934 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME Invention: TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Mail Stop Missing Parts Completion of application fees as calculated below: Utility application filing fee Design application filing fee Total number of independent claims = Total number of claims = Multiple dependent claims Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath \$65.00 Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification Fee for processing and retention of application Total completion of application fees \$65.00 This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor. Five months ☐ Four months Two months ☐ Three months One month until: from: Date Total time extension fees Total fees due \$65.00

#### Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) (Small Entity)

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June 10, 2004 Dated:

Signature

Dean P. Alderucci **Attorney for Applicants** PTO Registration No. 40,484 (203) 461-7337/phone (203) 461-7300/fax

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927** Alderucci@walkerdigital.com I certify that this document and fee is being deposited onJune 10, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22312/1450

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 06/14/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/03/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: Victor M. Garcia

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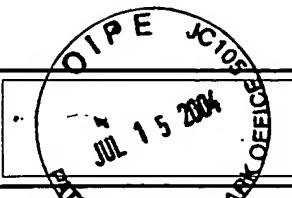
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Dated: 06/10/04 By:

Michael D. Brinton

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

# PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) TO REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL APPLICATION WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR MORE INVENTORS

Sir:

Applicants request acceptance of the present application without participation of one or more inventors, which inventor(s) have refused to join in the application after diligent effort.

#### Relevant facts and proof.

Applicants filed the present patent application on March 2, 2004. No Oath or Declaration was filed with the application on March 2, 2004.



Victor M. Garcia, an inventor on the present application, is no longer employed by Walker Digital. His last known address was: 315 Willow Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

On March 23, 2004, Applicants prepared and sent via certified, return receipt mail to Victor M. Garcia at what was then his last known address: 315 Willow Street, New Haven, CT 06511, a package containing the following documents: 1) Cover letter 2) Copy of Application with Formal Drawings; 3) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; 4) Assignment; and 5) Self addressed stamped envelope for return to Applicants. The cover letter included instructions to sign certain documents and return the same to Applicants. The cover letters also included a contact telephone number, should he require assistance. The cover letter further stated that should Applicants not hear from Victor M. Garcia by April 23, 2004, Applicants would construe his conduct as a refusal to sign and proceed with filing the Declaration and Assignment attesting that Victor M. Garcia refused to sign these papers. Victor M. Garcia did not return any of these documents to Applicants, nor did he contact Applicants in any way. (*Please see "EXHIBIT A" and AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. BRINTON*)

On April 26, 2004, Applicants called and left a detailed telephone message for Victor M. Garcia at his last known home telephone number of (203) 624-3536. Applicants requested that Victor call Applicants to follow up regarding the status of his signature on the Declaration and Assignment mailed to his home on March 23, 2004. Applicants provided their telephone number in this message. Victor M. Garcia did not return Applicants' call. (*Please see AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. BRINTON*)

On May 3, 2004, Applicants called Victor M. Garcia at his last known home telephone number of (203) 624-3536. Victor M. Garcia answered the telephone. Applicants inquired about the status of Victor's signature on the documents mailed to his home on March 23, 2004. Victor M. Garcia confirmed receipt of the documents mailed to his home on March 23, 2004, but verbally refused to sign the documents. Additionally, he indicated that he is unwilling to cooperate in signing any documents pertaining to Walker Digital in the future. (*Please see AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. BRINTON*)

#### Last known address(es) of the non-signing inventor(s)

The latest address of Victor M. Garcia is:

315 Willow Street New Haven, CT 06511



#### Oath or Declaration

Applicants have filed an oath or declaration signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the non-signing inventor(s) left blank.

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#### Petition Fee

Please charge \$130.00 for this petition to our <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Petition, or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>.

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Respectfully submitted,

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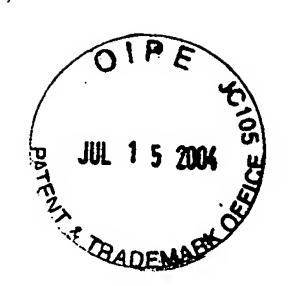
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EXHIBIT A

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Mr. Victor M. Garcia 315 Willow Street New Haven, CT 06511

Re: Jay S. WALKER et al.

Titled: "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR REPRESENTING PLAY IN A

REVERSED MODE"

Walker Digital Case No.: 03-010

Jay S. WALKER et al.

Titled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SETTING GAME PARAMETERS"

Walker Digital Case No.: 03-011

Jay S. WALKER et al.

Titled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALTERNATE DISPLAY

INFORMATION"

Walker Digital Case No.: 03-013

Jay S. WALKER et al.

Titled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE

INTO A BONUS GAME"

Walker Digital Case No.: 03-026

Jay S. WALKER et al.

Titled: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIDEO POKER"

Walker Digital Case No.: 03-041

#### Dear Max:

Enclosed please find a Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention, and Application with drawings for each of the above-referenced cases.

Kindly sign and date, in blue ink, the Declarations and Powers of Attorney and the Assignments where indicated with the post-it flags. Please remember that your signature on the Assignments must be notarized. Please note that the Applications are for your reference only and are not to be returned to Walker Digital. Upon execution, please return the signed documents in the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

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Should we not hear from you by April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004, Applicants will construe your conduct as a refusal to sign, and file the Declarations and Assignments with an Affidavit attesting that you refuse to sign these papers.

Should you have a need for assistance, please call me at (203) 461-7246. Thank you for your cooperation.

All the best,

Michael D. Brinton

Patent Paralegal

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